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DIE ATTACHMENT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 7, 2009, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect one of two perceived patentably distinct groups of claims:

- Group I. Claims 1-4, drawn to a method of fabricating a semiconductor chip for direct attachment to a carrier; and
- Group II. Claims 5-29 and 31-35, drawn to a semiconductor chip (claims 5-8), a semiconductor device (claims 9-14, and 31-33), and a lateral discrete power MOSFET device (claims 15-29, 34, and 35).

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group II, claims 5-29 and 31-35.

The Examiner has stated that Group II includes two species: Species I (claims 5-8) and Species II (claims 9-29 and 31-35). Applicants hereby elect Species II (claims 9-29 and 31-35).

Applicants believe that no fees are necessitated by the present Response. However, in the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 570-1806.

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